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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN POLICY REVIEW: AUSTRALIAN NSA
LEWIS TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON

REF: A. CANBERRA 166

[1](#)B. STATE 15623

[1](#)C. STATE 14097

[1](#)D. CANBERRA 156

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Daniel A. Clune. Reasons: 1.4(a)(b)(d)

[1](#)1. (C) At the direction of Prime Minister Rudd, National Security Adviser Duncan Lewis plans to visit Washington the week of March 2 with instructions to personally deliver Australia's submission to the Afghanistan-Pakistan review by week's end, as indicated in Ref A. Embassy recommends Department assist in requesting calls on Gen. Jones, Bruce Reidel, Special Representative Holbrooke and Under Secretary Flournoy. The text of a February 20 letter from Lewis to the Charge confirming that Australia will contribute to the review and flagging Lewis' plan to visit Washington is copied para 3 below.

[1](#)2. (SBU) In the meantime, we have delivered the latest points on engaging Allies and partners on Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Office of the Prime Minister, staff of NSA Lewis, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and First Assistant Secretary for South and West Asia, Middle East and Africa in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

[1](#)3. (C) Following is the text of National Security Adviser Duncan Lewis' February 20 letter to the Charge:

Begin text:

CONFIDENTIAL

Australian Government
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
National Security Adviser

20 February 2009

Mr. Dan Clune
Charge d'Affaires
Embassy of the United States of America

Dear Dan:

(re:) United States Policy Review of Afghanistan and Pakistan

I write in relation to our meeting on Wednesday 18 February and the request you made on behalf of the United States Government that Australia contribute its views on the review of United States national security policy and strategy towards Afghanistan and Pakistan.

As I foreshadowed in our meeting, the Australian Government will provide a submission to the United States Government that endeavours to outline our views on the goals we should collectively seek with regard to Afghanistan and Pakistan, priorities we should set, strategies for achieving those priorities, actions we will need to take and any associated resources.

Indeed, in speaking to the Prime Minister on Wednesday afternoon, he registered his strong support for an Australian contribution to the policy review, asking that I personally deliver our submission to Washington by the end of the week beginning 2 March 2009.

Should you wish to discuss the issue further, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours sincerely,

/s/

Duncan Lewis

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End text.

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